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SUBJECT: UNESCO 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE AGENDA ITEM 64.1

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1. WESTERHOF (AUSTRIAN PERMDEL) ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF ELECTORAL GROUP I, SOLICITED POSITIONS OF MEMBER STATES OF ELECTORAL GROUP I CONCERNING THEIR DESIRES TO BE ELECTED TO UNESCO BODIES LISTED IN 19TH GC AGENDA ITEM 64. IN ADDITION TO US, FOLLOWING MEMBER STATES EXPRESSED DESIRE TO BE ELECTED TO INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF EDUCATION (IBE) COUNCIL: AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, FRANCE, FRG, NETHERLANDS, SPAIN, SWEDEN AND UK. AUSTRALIA INDICATED THAT IT DESIRED MEMBERSHIP ON IBE COUNCIL AS A SECOND CHOICE AFTER MEMBERSHIP ON COORDINATING COUNCIL OF THE PROGRAM ON MAN AND THE BIOSPHERE.

2. AS STATED IN REFTEL (B), THE TERMS OF FOUR MEMBER STATES IN ELECTORAL GROUP I ARE EXPIRING: FRG, FINLAND, NETHERLANDS, AND USA. DEPT ATTENTION IS INVITED TO REFTEL (B) CONCERNING POTENTIAL NUMBER OF COUNCIL SEATS AVAILABLE TO EUROPEAN GROUP AS A WHOLE.

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3. PRESENT READING INDICATES THAT AUSTRIA AND NETHERLANDS MAY NOT PUSH THEIR CANDIDACIES. FRG, NETHERLANDS AND USA MAY BE VULNERABLE HAVING JUST SERVED ON COUNCIL, BUT FRG WISHES TO BE RE-ELECTED. BELGIUM, FRANCE, SPAIN AND UK WILL BE STRONG CONTENDERS. SWEDEN WILL HAVE STRONG ARGUMENT AS ONLY NORDIC STATE. ALTHOUGH AUSTRALIA INDICATED IBE COUNCIL AS SECOND CHOICE, AUSTRALIA EX-BD MEMBER, HUGH PHILP, HAS STRONG, LONG-LASTING INTEREST IN WORK OF IBE WHICH COULD INCREASE LIKELIHOOD OF AUSTRALIA'S PLACING HIGHER PRIORITY ON IBE COUNCIL.

4. PERMDEL WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT INSTRUCTIONS OF REFTEL (A), PARA 3.
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